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Title	:	HIGHLY ANTICORROSIVE HIGH		
	:	STRENGTH STAINLESS STEEL		
	:	PIPE FOR LINEPIPE AND METHOD		
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, the Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks: